REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
October 17, 1988

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held October 17, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: B. B. Holt, R. B. Hutton, H. W. Leap, L. C. Life and R. L. Snow. Councilman R. E. Davis was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk and Warren Pence, Chief of Police were also present.

Bobby Morris and Dan Forehlich, representatives from Spotswood High School, were present to request that the town sponsor one of the seven students attending the Model General Assembly in Richmond at a cost of $160.00 per student.

Benny King came before council regarding his proposed plans to build six town house units on Wirt Avenue and possibly six more at a later date. He has presented his proposal to the Planning Commission and their suggestion was that Mr. King request that the land be resubdivided. Mr. King reviewed his plans and requested council consider his proposal and what can be done to allow him to build these units.

Councilman Holt stated that he feels the Planning Commission felt this was as good a use of the land as you are going to find, but was a little concerned that the number of units exceed the units per acre set forth in the new zoning ordinances. He stated that as the town will need to have a public hearing on a revision of the Zoning Ordinance regarding floodplains, this could possibly be included at that time.

Councilman R. B. Hutton moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting September 19, 1988 as presented.

Mr. Holt reviewed the monthly police report. He stated the overtime was due to a shortage of personnel and some of the officers being in school.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilwoman L. C. Life and carried to approve the Finance Report for the month of September 1988.

Mrs. Leap reported that she had talked with Mr. Mensel Dean regarding our audit report. He stated it would probably be next week before the report is ready and that they will adjust the bill due to not having the report on time.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap to appropriate $160.00 to send a student to the Model General Assembly. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Hutton	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leap	- yea		

Mr. Davenport reported that we have not received the contracts from VMEA #1 as yet but that he is expecting them pretty soon.

Councilwoman Life reported that in working with Mr. Flick she would like to present the following names to be considered for appointment to the Cemetery Commission which would bring the Commission up to full membership:

Richard Davis
Bobby Whitfield
Rupie Nicholson

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to appoint Richard Davis, Bobby Whitfield and Rupie Nicholson to the Cemetery Commission.

Councilman Holt reported that there has been some changes in the regulations, rules and laws affecting floodplains which puts our ordinance out of date. Since this is a modification of the Zoning Ordinance it requires we go through the procedure of advertising, public hearing, etc. Mr. Davenport explained the history behind this change. He has prepared a new ordinance with the updated requirements which will have to be approved by FEMA. He will send them a draft of the proposed ordinance. This will also be sent to the Planning Commission and a Public Hearing set before the next council meeting if time permits.

Councilman Holt explained the concern by Mr. Louis Johnson regarding receiving two garbage charges for the month as he moved from one house to another. Councilman Holt stated his committee will look into this and bring a recommendation to council.

Councilman Hutton reported they will be having a committee meeting to review the personnel book and will then get with Mr. Davenport on this.

Mayor Dean reported that the Rockingham County Municipal League will meet Wednesday, October 19, 1988 at 7:30 P.M. at the Dayton Municipal Building. The Rural Water Association has been invited to attend the meeting and address the new Safe Drinking Water Act. Those planning to attend should contact Mrs. Leap before tomorrow afternoon.

Councilman Holt reported that he received a letter stating that the Rockingham Planning Commission is developing a joint Planning Commission between the towns and the county. The representatives from our area will be the Chairman of the Planning Commission, Ishmal Baugher, and the Council's Representative on the Planning Commission, Councilman Holt.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- yea
Hutton	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leap	- yea		

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. E. Hutton to employ Lenson Lee St.Clair as a patrolman at $12,000.00 a year. The vote was recorded as follows:

Holt	- yea	Life	- abstain
Hutton	- yea	Snow	- yea
Leap	- yea		

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk